

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Land Acquisition - Stone State Park, Woodbury County -- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (Sweeney)

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a parcel of land located within the city limits of Sioux City adjacent to the south side of Stone State Park. The 38-acre tract is being offered by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Jerry Gibson facilitated the donation agreement.

The 38-acre tract is adjacent to the southern boundary of Stone State Park with access from existing State land, and is just north of the Sloan parcel. An adjacent property owner has expressed interest in working with the DNR to exchange a small tract of his land for equal State land so that an access from Malloy Road can be established. Malloy Road is located on the south side of the subject tract, and on the north side of the Sloan tract (previously acquired by the DNR). The area is developed with residential acreages. The parcel consists of approximately 15 acres of native prairie and 23 acres of timber.

Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Attachment

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